

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 3557

DINGS et al.

Application No.: 10/540,489

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Examiner: A. PERRY

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING CONTACT LENSES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated March 3, 2011, the following election and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has made a requirement for restriction between the following groups of claims:

Species I(a): directed to the method step shown in Figs. 11-12; and

Species I(b): directed to the method step shown in Fig. 39b.

ELECTION

In order to comply with the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects to prosecute Species I(a), directed to the method step shown in Figs. 11-12 (filling the shadowing structure with an insulating covering), corresponding to claims 1, 2-10, 12, 14-17, 18, 24, 25-30, 31, 32-41, 43, 45, 46, and 48-54 for prosecution in the present application. Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional application directed to the non-elected claims at a later date, if so desired.

Further, the Examiner noted claims 1 and 31 are generic.

This election is without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,
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